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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE XI QUINQUENNIAL
CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION IS
SUBMITTED IN REPLY TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFTEL B.

2. THE I.H.O. CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ORGANIZATION S
HEADQUARTERS IN MONTE CARLO (AVENUE PRESIDENT J.F. KENNEDY)
FROM APRIL 18 THROUGH 30, 1977. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE I.H.O. DIRECTING COMMITTEE, ADMIRAL G.S. RITCHIE, MOST OF
THE 22 MEMBER STATES (INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES) WILL SEND
DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE. DURING THE MEETING, A NEW
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DIRECTING COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED. AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT
ITEMS INCLUDED ON THE MEETING'S AGENDA WILL BE A DISCUSSION OF
HOST AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MONACO : BUDGETARY
ESTIMATES FOR PERIOD 1978-83 : WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
I.H.O. AND I.M.C.O. (LONDON) IN VIEW OF CHINA QUESTION AS WELL
AS VARIOUS PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION BY MEMBER STATES.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE FOLLOWING HYDROGRAPHIC/OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSELS WILL VISIT THE PORT OF MONACO IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE :

APRIL 18 - 24 USNS KANE
APRIL 19 - 23 HNMS TYDEMAN (NETHERLANDS)
APRIL 25 - 29 HMS HECATE (BRITAIN)
APRIL 24 - 30 SS TOFINO (SPAIN)
APRIL 23 - 30 SS AMMIRAGLIO MAGNAGHI (ITALY)
APRIL 26 OR 28 (FOR ONE DAY ONLY) SS D ENTRECASTEAUX (FRANCE)

THERE IS SPACE IN THE PORT FOR ONE MORE HYDROGRAPHIC VESSEL DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE AND RITCHIE IS PRESENTLY CONTACTING VARIOUS MEMBER STATES IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ONE ADDITIONAL VESSEL.

4. THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS OF THE I.H.O. ARE GOVERNED BY DIRECTIVES PROVIDED AT THE QUINQUENNIAL CONFERENCES. THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS IN WORKING TOWARDS ACHIEVING MAXIMUM STANDARDIZATION IN THE SPECIFICATIONS, SYMBOLS, STYLES AND FORMATS USED FOR NAUTICAL CHARTS FOR WORLDWIDE USE BY MARINERS. ONE OF THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE I.H.O. IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHART WHICH, IN EFFECT, ELIMINATES CONSIDERABLE DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS BY MEMBER STATES WHEN EACH WAS CHARTING THE SAME PART OF THE OCEAN.

5. THE I.H.O. PERMANENT STAFF IN MONTE CARLO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO MEMBER STATES. THE STAFF HAS PLAYED AN UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADVISING DEVELOPING NATIONS ON MATTERS RELATED TO SURVEYING, EQUIPMENT, CARTOGRAPHY AND COMPILATION OF NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS.

6. WITH REGARD TO USNS KANE'S PARTICIPATION (USDAO PARIS FR 082213Z NOV 76) ADMIRAL RITCHIE INFORMED CONSULATE THAT HE WAS AWARE OF FACT THAT OTHER PARTICIPATING VESSELS WILL ALSO BE FORCED TO UTILIZE THEIR OWN ELECTRIC GENERATORS AND THUS ADD TO NOISE FACTOR IN PORT OF MONACO. BOTH HE AND PORT CAPTAIN ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE EXCESS NOISE IF POSSIBLE : HOWEVER UNOFFICIALLY, BOTH OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THEY ARE CERTAINLY AWARE THAT SOME GENERATOR NOISE IS UNAVOIDABLE. PORT CAPTAIN STATED HE DOES NOT EXPECT USNS KANE TO GO TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO ATTEMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION.

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